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SUBJECT: OAS - FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IA-ECOSOC (CEPCIES),
SEPTEMBER 17-19, 1975

1. AT ITS FIFTH REGULAR SESSION, CEPCIES, COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MEMBER STATES, MOST OF WHOM ATTENDED ALL SESSIONS, TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. ELECTED AMBASSADOR CARASALES, ARGENTINA, AS VICE CHAIRMAN. (AMBASSADOR SILVA, COSTA RICA, IS CHAIRMAN.)

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B. DEFERRED A DECISION ON THE TIMING AND AGENDA OF THE SEVENTH REGULAR CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE, TO AVOID CONFLICTS WITH AGRICULTURAL MEETINGS NEXT SPRING SPONSORED BY ECLA, FAO, AND IDB.

C. ESTABLISHED A SUBCOMMITTEE OF ELEVEN MEMBERS (ARGENTINA, BARBADOS, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CHILE, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, AND THE US) TO CONSIDER ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACED BY COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE AND SUGGEST SOLUTIONS.

D. EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE ECLA SAFETY NET PROPOSAL, AND IN THE DISCUSSIONS, PARTICULARLY BY THE CENTRAL BANKS, ON THE SUBJECT.

E. PASSED RESOLUTIONS EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER ECONOMIC COMMUNITY RESTRICTIONS ON MEAT IMPORTS, AND WORLD BANK (IDA) LENDING REQUIREMENTS (WHICH CUT OFF MOST OAS MEMBER STATES FROM CONCESSIONAL LOANS BECAUSE THEIR PER CAPITA INCOME IS ABOVE THE \$375 MAXIMUM).

2. COMMENT: THE WILLINGNESS OF CEPICIES TO FOCUS ON REAL ISSUES WAS ENCOURAGING, AND WE HAVE GUARDED HOPES THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE MAY SUCCEED IN FOCUSING ON REAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS IN THE HEMISPHERE BETTER THAN THE USUALLY POLITICAL CEPICIES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE CAN BE PERSUADED TO TAKE A COUNTRY-ORIENTED APPROACH IN ANALYZING SUCH PROBLEMS AND ATTEMPTING TO SUGGEST REASONABLE MEASURES TO EASE THEIR IMPACT. IF SUCCESSFUL, THE SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD BE IN A SENSE A REINCARNATION OF THE LIMITED MEMBERSHIP CIAP, MIGHT RESTORE SOME CONFIDENCE IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF IA-ECOSOC.

3. THE IDA LENDING REQUIREMENT RESOLUTION SUGGESTS THAT THE LENDING CRITERIA BE REVIEWED TO SEE WHETHER REVISED CRITERIA SHOULD BE ADOPTED TO PERMIT MORE CONCESSIONAL LENDING TO THE "LOWER MIDDLE CLASS" COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE.

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4. THE EC RESTRICTION ON MEAT IMPORTS AFFECTS URUGUAY PARTICULARLY (URUGUAY HAS BEEN THE LATIN AMERICAN PROTAGONIST IN GETTING CEPICIES TO SUBSTITUTE ACTION FOR RHETORIC WHERE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS ARE CONCERNED), ALTHOUGH ARGENTINA ALSO CITED ITS PROBLEMS. IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM, THE RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE DIRECTED THE OAS SECRETARY GENERAL TO MAKE DIRECT REPRESENTATIONS TO THE EC. WE FELT THIS WAS INAPPROPRIATE. WE ALSO

FELT THAT AN OAS CONDEMNATION OF "ILLEGAL" EC RESTRICTIONS WAS PREMATURE IN THAT THE OAS ITSELF HAD NOT EXAMINED THE SITUATION. HENCE THE LANGUAGE EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER VIOLATIONS OF THE "SPIRIT" OF COMMITMENTS, AND DIRECTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL MERELY TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION (TOGETHER WITH A MORE GENERAL RESOLUTION AIMED AT THE SAME RESTRICTIONS APPROVED BY THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST MAY) TO THE EC.

5. TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF EACH CEPIC RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

A. ON IDA LENDING:

"1. TO RECOMMEND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL FINANCING AGENCIES REVIEW THEIR CRITERIA FOR GRANTING LOANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE REFERRING TO THE CLASSIFICATION BASED ON PER CAPITA INCOME LEVELS.

"2. TO RECOMMEND, LIKEWISE, THAT THE AGENCIES REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED TO PROVIDE, ON A PREFERENTIAL BASIS, FINANCING UNDER CONCESSIONARY CONDITIONS TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION THAT ARE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION."

B. ON EC MEAT RESTRICTIONS:

"1. TO REITERATE THE PROFOUND CONCERN OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES OVER THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY REGARDING BEEF IMPORTS FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZATION, WHICH RUN COUNTER TO THE SPIRIT OF THE PRINCIPLES AND PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS ON THE NEED FOR LIBERALIZING INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND SERIOUSLY HARM THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH COUNTRIES;

"2. TO EXPRESS ITS EXPECTATION THAT THESE MEASURES WILL BE LIFTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

"3. TO URGE THE MEMBER STATES, IN THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, AND THE VARIOUS REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANS TO ADOPT MEASURES AND ACTIONS TOWARD FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS MENTIONED IN THIS RESOLUTION;

"4. TO INSTRUCT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PERMANENT EXECU-

TIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL (CEPCIES) TO TRANSMIT TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY THE TEXT OF RESOLUTION
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